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[Lexington, Massachusetts February 16, 2024] – The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE) Office of Language Acquisition (OLA) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District during the week of February 26, 2024.

The Office of Language Acquisition reviews each district’s and charter school’s English Learner Education (ELE) program every six years to monitor compliance with federal and state English learner education laws and regulations. Areas of review will include English learners’ student assessments, identification of English learners; what programs English learners are placed in, parent and community involvement, curriculum and instruction, student support services, licensure requirements for faculty, staff and administration, program plans, and evaluation and recordkeeping.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The district will send a survey to the parents of students whose records the review team examines with. The survey focuses on key areas of their child’s English learner education program. Survey results will be reviewed by OLA and they will contribute to the monitoring report. Parents and other individuals may call David Valade, Office of Language Acquisition Review Chairperson, at (781) 338-6711 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, DESE will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days of the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District with a report with information about areas in which the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The report will be available to the public at <https://www.doe.mass.edu/ele/cpr/>.

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About Minuteman High School

Minuteman High School in Lexington, MA, is a leading vocational-technical high school committed to providing students with a comprehensive and empowering education. With a focus on academic excellence and practical skills development, Minuteman prepares students for success in both college and career pathways.

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